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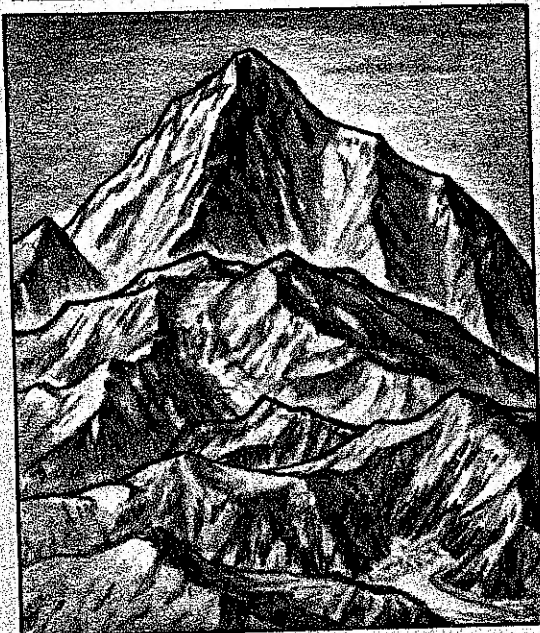
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Introduction:

This guide is a culmination of appx. two years of on and off research. I would get motivated and write up one of the many cliffs, and then lose interest for a while. Finally, this guide is complete (I hope).

Along with Pawtuckaway are; Priest Road Cliff, Stonehouse Pond, Wallis Sands, the Dame Road Boulder and other selected bouldering areas. It should also be noted that there is a very fine bouldering area in Durham, N.H. A guide to the boulders is available from the New Hampshire Outing Club, Rm. 129, Memorial Union Building, Durham, N.H. 03824.

I would like to thank the following people for their input, output, and overall help:

Robert Bates, Joe Cote, Craig Seaver, Curt Robinson, and especially Chris Taylor for his artwork, and Kim Speckman for her typing and moral support.

#### A Note on Climb Ratings:

The Yosemite Decimal System is used for rating rock climbs. The system currently runs from 5.0 (easy), to 5.13 (unbelievable). Aid climbing is rated A1 (easy), to A5 (horrifying).

Technical ice climbs are rated by the New England Ice (N.E.I.) rating system: N.E.I. 1 (easy), to N.E.I. 6 (insane).

#### A Brief History of Climbing in the Area

Technical climbing in Southeastern New Hampshire started around 1927. A Group of Appalachian Mountain Club (A.M.C.) climbers led by the Underhills were climbing regularly at Pawtuckaway and other crags in and around the Boston area at this time. They climbed at many places in the park then eventually moved on to the larger cliffs of northern N.H.

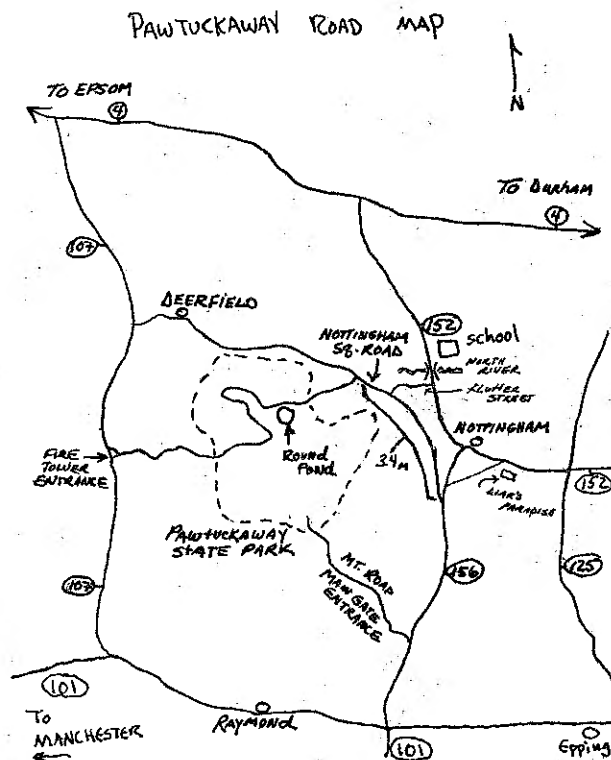
The next group to "discover" Pawtuckaway were people from the Exeter Mountaineering Club led by Robert Bates. The club was a part of the Phillips Exeter Academy which started climbing regularly in 1939-40. They climbed mostly in the Boulder Natural Area, the Lower slab, and Upper Cliff areas. After some exploration they located Devil's Den, but never did much climbing there. The Mountaineering Club also frequented a cliff in Ogunquit, Maine (site of the Cliff House) until the area was closed to climbing due to a fatality there.

In 1950 Robert Bates told the New Hampshire Outing Club about Pawtuckaway. The Outing Club, which is from the University of New Hampshire, has been responsible for much of the development since that time, and also for the discovery of most of the other local crags as well.

One major contributor was Joseph Cote. Cote was a student in the late 60's and early 70's who is recognized for the locating and development of routes at Priest Road Cliff, Dame Road and Stonehouse Pond. He showed two of his friends, Craig Seaver and Milt Camille, these local cliffs and they in turn discovered Carr's Cove and Wallis Sands for climbing.

Development still goes on at present. In 1978 Bruce Larson rediscovered Priest Road Cliff and has helped to make it more popular by placing anchors along the top. Groups from the Manchester and Concord areas, as well as the N.H. chapter of the A.M.C., have also helped to develop the cliffs by putting in many hard routes as well as repeating most of the easier lines.

Many notable climbers have visited Pawtuckaway in the past, some climbed there regularly. H. Adams Carter climbed in the park in the 50's, 60's, and early 70's. A friend of his, the late Willi Unsoeld visited in the latter part of the 60's and early 70's, and the English climber Tony Streater is remembered to have done some climbing in the area during that time as well. Well known N.H. climbers to frequent Pawtuckaway include: Joe Cote, Andy Tuthill, and Mark Hudon. Hopefully, Pawtuckaway, and the other local crags, will attract many





more good climbers in the future.

#### The Climbing Areas

##### A) Pawtuckaway State Park

Emergency telephone numbers:

Raymond Ambulances: 895-3384

Raymond Police: 895-4747

State Police: 679-5663

Pawtuckaway State Park: 895-3031

Pawtuckaway is located in Raymond, Nottingham and Deerfield, N.H. It encompasses 5,500 acres and is owned and operated by the state. No camping or fires are permitted in the state park, except at designated areas in the park proper. Information may be obtained at the park's main gate, located on Mountain Road in Raymond. The main park area has facilities for swimming, boating, camping, picnicking and is open 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 7 days per week.

The usual access to the cliffs area, is via a dirt road that runs between Rte. 107 in Deerfield, and Nottingham Square Road in Nottingham. This dirt road is not maintained and it runs right through the edge of Round Pond, which

usually makes it impossible to drive across, from one entrance to the other, in the spring.

On Rte. 107 one can easily find the park entrance by locating the small sign which marks the end of the dirt road leading to The Fire Tower. This entrance is not used as frequently as the Nottingham Square Road entrance.

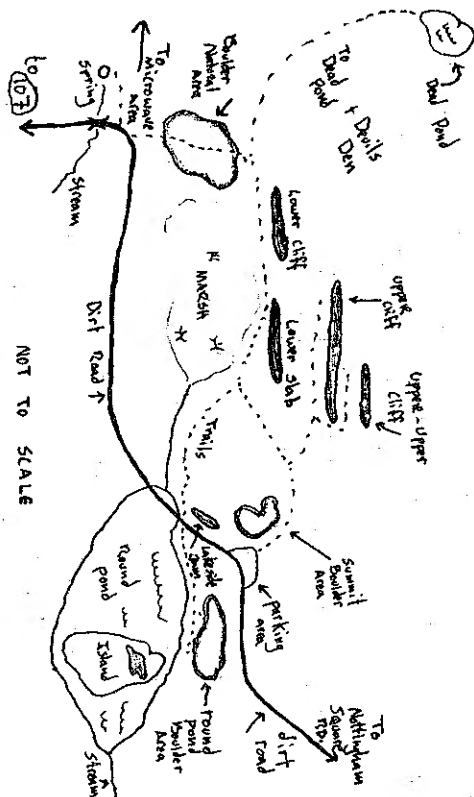
To find the entrance on Nottingham Square Road, go 3.4 miles towards Deerfield from Nottingham Square. A dirt road will be off to your left (there will be a nice view off to your right). Take the left onto the dirt road and drive up the hill then park just down over the crest of the hill on the left. Do not block the dirt road which is used for access.

The walk to Round Pond is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile. It should be noted that the swampy areas of Pawtuckaway are the Black Fly and Mosquito breeding grounds of New England, which renders much of the area uninhabitable by humans for the greater part of May and June.

If one should have trouble finding their way, information may be obtained at the Liar's Paradise Store located on the corner of Rtes. 152 and 156.

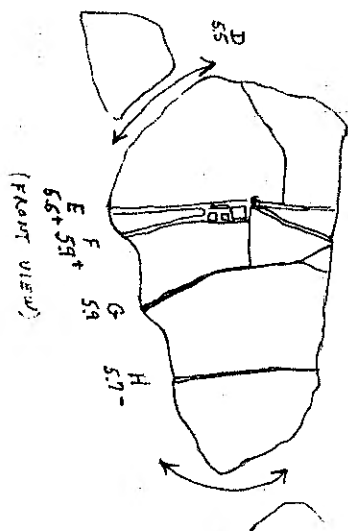
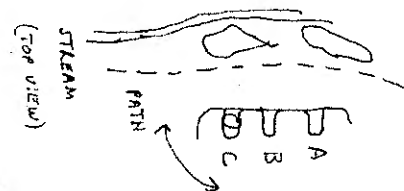
#### Locating the Cliffs:

If you find Round Pond, you'll find the Lakeside Jam



PAWTUCKAWAY  
CLIFF MAP

Area. The Round Pond Boulder is just across the road from Lakeside. One will find a trail just left of Lake side that will take you to the Lower Slab, Lower Cliff, and eventually to the Boulder Natural Area and Devil's Den. This trail also starts back at the parking area by the huge boulder pile. Just beyond the boulders it forks, to the right and up is the Upper cliff, to the left and down goes to the Lower Slab. The trail that runs below the Lower Slab continues past the Lower Cliff and then forks in the Boulder Natural Area. If one follows the trail left from the fork, you will go through the boulder field and back up onto the dirt road (beyond Round Pond). The right fork goes to Devil's Den and Dead Pond. See the map to locate the Microwave Area. These trails are not maintained by the state, but are designated by white paint blazes. Please help keep these trails passable by moving any limbs and blow-downs off to the side of the trails.



## LAKE SIDE JAM AREA

### Cliff Descriptions:

#### Lakeside Jam Area

##### Three Chimney Area

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|------------------------------|------|---|
| A) Left                      | 5.4  | The left hand chimney of the three.   |
| B) Center                    | 5.5  | The center chimney.   |
| C) Right                     | 5.3  | The chimney with the large chockstone.  |
| D) Swifts Premium            | 5.5  | This is the diagonal crack that runs up right to the <u>Lakeside Jamcrack</u> ledge.                  |
| E) <u>Lakeside Jamcrack</u>  | 5.6+ | This classic route ascends the vertical crack to the top. The ledge at 3/4 height allows a fine rest. |
| F) <u>China Dragon</u>       | 5.9+ | Climb the right leaning crack that starts ten feet up <u>Lakeside</u> .                               |
| G) <u>China Dragon Right</u> | 5.9  | <u>China Dragon Right</u> ascends the crack system just right of <u>China Dragon</u> .                |
| H) <u>Wingtip</u>            | 5.7- | Climb the short vertical crack 20' right of <u>Dragon Right</u> .                                     |

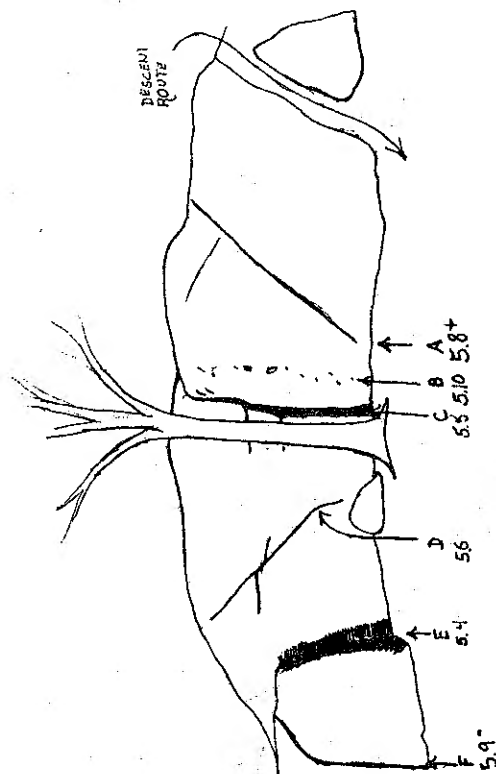


### Summit Boulder Area

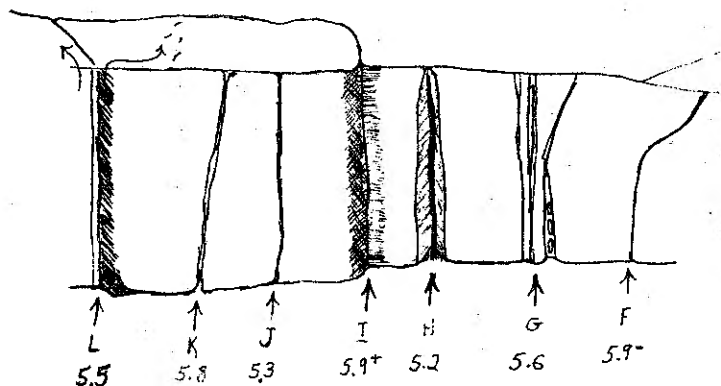
There are three climbs in the Summit Boulder Area that are considered worth climbing. Many other routes have been done as well, but these three are all that will be mentioned.

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|-----------------------------|-----|--|
| 1) <u>Locomotive Breath</u> | 5.6 | Located at the fork between the upper cliff trail and the trail back to the Lower Slab. Climb the right leaning crack in an inside corner facing right.  |
| 2) <u>Tabasco</u>           | 5.9 | This climb is located on the Upper Cliff side of the Summit Boulder Area. It is an obvious vertical hand and foot crack in a left facing inside corner, found 200' left of <u>Locomotive Breath</u> . The top is usually liebacked.                  |
| 3) <u>Summit Chimney</u>    | 5.2 | Scramble up the gullies until one finds the highest boulder. Climb the easy chimney to the top (huge Pine tree). Down-climb to the big Pine and rappel off the side toward the parking area. The rappel is free for appx. 50' and quite spectacular. |

### UPPER CLIFF



# UPPER CLIFF II



## Upper Cliff

- |                          |      |   |
|--------------------------|------|---|
| A) <u>The Start</u>      | 5.8  | Climb the all too obvious right leaning jam crack.  |
| B) <u>Fantastic Face</u> | 5.10 | 10' to the right of <u>Doublechin</u> is an overhanging face climb. Take care to stay to the right of <u>Doublechin</u> at the top. |
| C) <u>Doublechin</u>     | 5.5  | Ascend the obvious hand crack with the huge tree next to it. Use the tree until one can swing into the crack and finish to the top. |
| D) <u>Diagonal</u>       | 5.6  | Climb the left facing dike to the left of <u>Doublechin</u> . This climb is a very unprotected lead.                                |
| E) <u>Kid's Corner</u>   | 5.4  | This dirty climb goes up the small corner 20' to the right of the <u>Horn</u> .   |
| F) <u>The Horn</u>       | 5.9- | 30' to the right of the very obvious chimney is a perfect jam crack. Climb the crack to the horn (crux) and finish up and right.    |

## Upper Cliff II

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|------------------------------|-----|---|
| G) <u>Obscene Phone Call</u> | 5.6 | Ascend the three vertical cracks moving left at mid-height.                       |
| H) <u>The Great Chimney</u>  | 5.2 | Climb the obviously dirty chimney. The top gets quite narrow due to a chockstone. |

- I) Glimber's Corner 5.9+ This strenuous climb goes up the large inside corner to the left of the Great Chimney. Usually wet.
- J) Wedge 5.3 The easy chimney around the corner from Glimber's Corner
- K) Yellow Zonker 5.8 An overhanging shoulder and leg jamming crack. Strenuous, without technique.
- L) Double Jam 5.5 One finds this climb 50' to the left of Yellow Zonker. Climb a corner with a crack in each wall. Finish straight up, or 20' to the right once on the ledge.

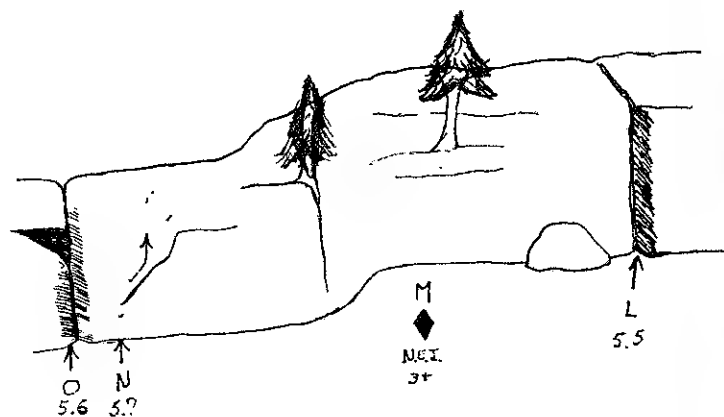
#### Upper Cliff III

- M) Klister N.E.I. 3+ This thin ice climb is short, but quite steep. It never comes in very thick.
- N) Chamonix 5.7 Appx. 75' left of Double Jam is an inside corner capped by a triangular roof. This is The Roof. Chamonix climbs the face just to the right of this.
- O) The Roof 5.6 A Pawtuckaway classic. Get into the corner (crux) and climb up and out the right side of roof

#### Upper Cliff IV

- variation; 0,1 5.7 Exit out the left side of the roof.

## UPPER CLIFF III



P) Far Out Jam

Q) Friction Slab

R) N.E.I. 2

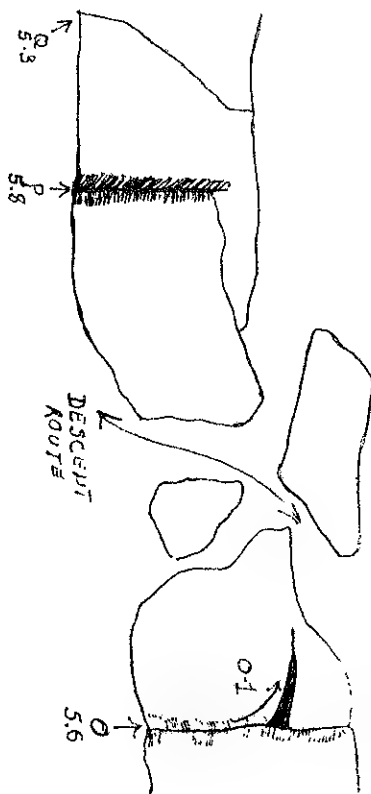
S) N.E.I. 3

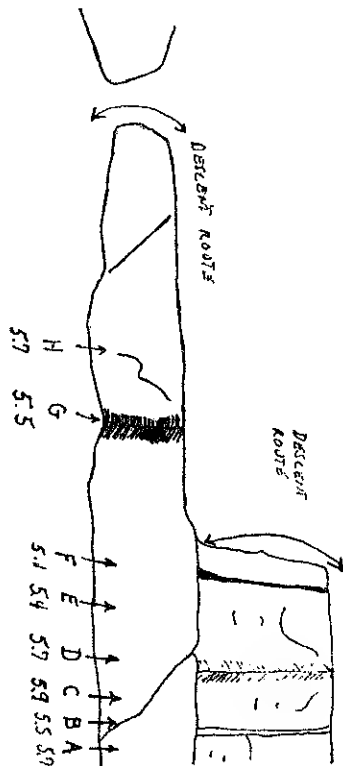
5.8 This climb is found appx. 100' left of the descent route and appx. 200' left of the Roof. Climb this in side corner to the top.

5.3 Climb the low angle slab 100' left of Far Out Jam.

These ice climbs are just left of Friction Slab. Appx. 30' high, both are inside corners.

## UPPER CLIFF IV





## UPPER-UPPER CLIFF

### Upper-Upper Cliff

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|------------------------------|-----|---|
| A) <u>Flake to Flake</u>     | 5.7 | Climb the crumbly flakes just to the right of <u>Devilish Direct</u> .  |
| B) <u>Devilish Direct</u>    | 5.5 | The <u>Direct</u> ascends the obvious crack on the right of the crag.   |
| C) <u>Finger of Flake</u>    | 5.9 | An extreme climb on loose, crumbly flakes. It runs straight up, about 10' to the left of <u>Direct</u> .  |
| D) <u>Ribs</u>               | 5.7 | This route goes up the nose of rock, 6' to the right of <u>Devilish Diversion</u> .   |
| E) <u>Devilish Diversion</u> | 5.4 | If one can reach the horizontal ledge about 7.5' off the ground, the climb is possible. Pull up onto the ledge, then undercling a round to the right. |
| F) <u>Grandma's Delight</u>  | 5.1 | Climb the enjoyable crack on the left end of the cliff  |
| G) <u>The Insider</u>        | 5.5 | Climb the short inside corner.  |
| H) <u>Mini Grunt</u>         | 5.7 | Thirty feet left of <u>Insider</u> is a flake on a short, steep wall. Climb the flake and the face above.   |





H) The 5.7 Corner

variation; H,1

5.7 Climb the outside (left) of the corner until reaching the upper wall.

I) Beginner's Direct

5.10 3' to the right of the corner is this sustained slab climb. Finish up Beginner's after reaching the horizontal crack.

J) The Beginner Route

5.5 In 1978, the beginning of this route (a fallen tree) was removed, thus making this climb 2 grades harder than it previously had been. Mantle on a small ledge, then layback up to another ledge. Move up and left past a friction move to the top.

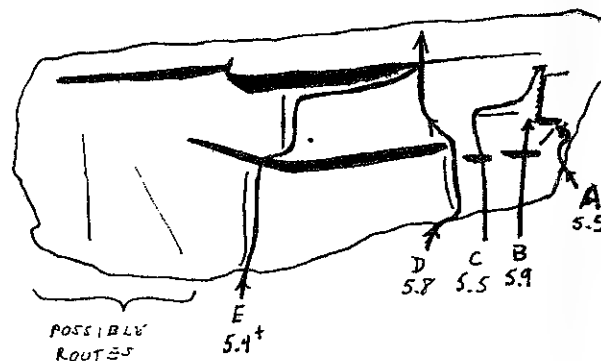
K) Mounds

5.9- This excellent face climb starts between the Direct and Beginner's routes. Climb thin flakes up and right to the ledge. Continue straight up past the three knobs to the top.

L) Almond Joy

5.9+ Another thin slab/face climb. Start at the green streak appx. 15' right of Beginner's straight to the top.

## LOWER CLIFF



### The Lower Cliff

- A) Overhanging Corner Right 5.5 Start up to the right of the Direct. Climb up to a ledge and step back left to the corner and finish.
- B) Overhanging Corner Direct 5.9 Start below an obvious overhanging bulge. Reach a small ledge and pull up and over to easier climbing and the corner above.
- C) Overhanging Corner 5.5 This route starts 75° right of Seaver's Folly. Climb up the face to a large ledge. Move right to the obvious overhanging corner and up to the slabs above.
- D) Seaver's Folly Direct 5.8 Appx. 75° right of Seaver's Folly is a thin vertical crack that is directly below a break in the roof. Climb up to the crack and up through the break to the top.
- E) Seaver's Folly 5.4+ A Pawtuckaway classic. Start in the middle of the cliff at some small vertical cracks on a slab. Climb up these cracks to the roof, and traverse under the roof with a good horizontal crack (good protection) until the roof breaks. Climb the break to slabs and the top.

been climbed, but are now overgrown with vegetation and dirt.

In the winter, this cliff offers the most spectacular ice routes at Pawtuckaway. Two free standing pillars come down off the upper roof at the start and end of Seaver's Folly. These have no recorded ascents, so far, due to insufficient ice (N.E.I. 4+ - 5). At the right end of the cliff however, a vertical ice curtain forms and this has been climbed (N.E.I. 3+).

Further to the left are more lines which have probably

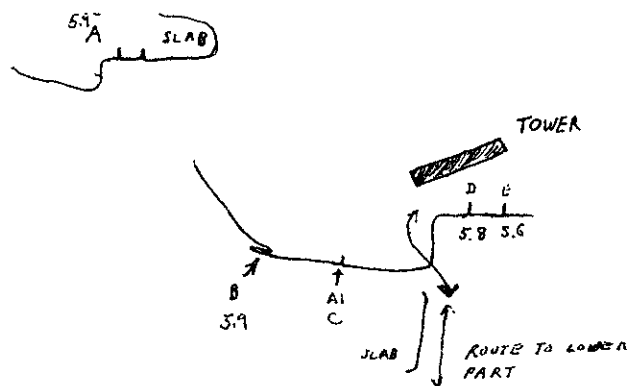
South Peak Area

(Fire Tower Area)

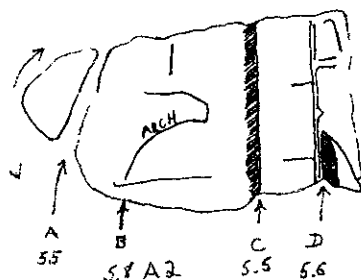
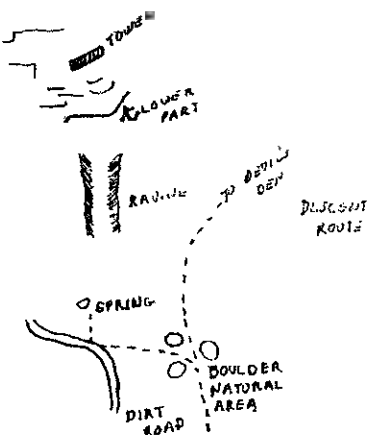
Below the fire tower is a number of short crack climbs. They are, for the most part, on the moderate to hard side (5.8 - up). Due to the fact that they are so spread out, a diagram was not felt to be worthwhile.

From the fire tower, walk down towards the main gate (south) and make your way around to the numerous bands of small cliffs. It should be noted that the left end (facing the cliffs) ices up in the winter to offer some excellent ice climbing practice. The ice formations are quite similar to the North End of Cathedral Ledge.

UPPER MICROWAVE  
TOP VIEW



# THE MICROWAVE AREA LOWER

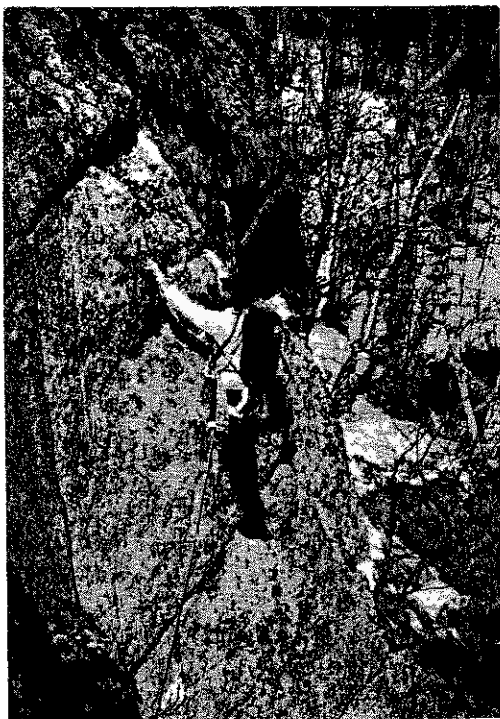


## The Microwave Area Lower

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|-------------------------------|--------|--|
| A) <u>Stovepipe</u>           | 5.5    | The dirty chimney/crack 100' left of <u>Micro-Aid</u> .  |
| B) <u>Micro-Aid</u>           | 5.8 A2 | A very nice mixed route. Aid the curving arch around and up to the bely ledge (90' A2). Climb the short crack to the top (5.8). Bring knifeblades, hooks and bongs up to 2". |
| C) <u>Won-Hung-Low</u>        | 5.5    | Climb the inside corner 30' to the right of <u>Micro-Aid</u> . This ices up in the winter to offer a thin, but good ice route. (N.E.I. 2+)                                   |
| D) <u>The Microwave Crack</u> | 5.6    | The best route in this section of the cliff. Climb the obvious crack straight to the top. If one traverses right before the final lay back it is 5.5.                        |

## The Microwave Area Upper

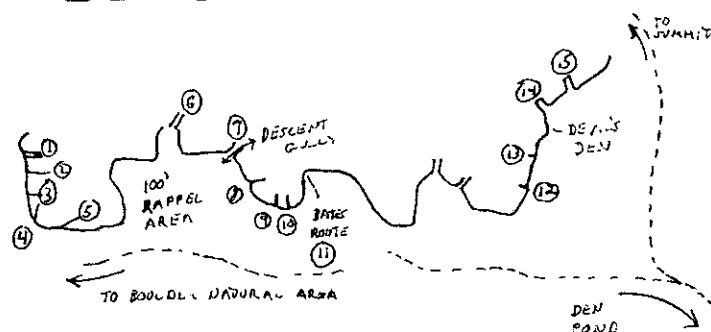
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|--------------------------------|------|--|
| A) <u>Metzger's Mossy Mess</u> | 5.9- | This inside corner is an interesting route. It is a delicate climb on friable flakes and wet moss. |
| B) <u>Barstool</u>             | 5.9  | This route climbs the obvious big flake 75' down and left of the summit cracks.                    |



Rich Couchon on the Microwave Crack 5.6

- C) Put a Cliff Hanger on It A1+ Appx. 50' uphill of Barstool is a smaller flake. Aid the flake, then up the short face to the top.
- D) Summit Crack Left 5.8 The two cracks directly below the tower are good practice crack climbs. This one uses a fist jam.
- E) Summit Crack Right 5.6 An easier version of the previous route.

# DEVIL'S DEN



## Devil's Den

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|------------------------|------|--|
| 1) <u>The Wedge</u>    | 5.6  | This climb is found at the extreme left end of the Den area at a small mossy cave. Climb up the dirty chimney to a belay beneath a huge chockstone. Climb out the right side (crux) to the face and the top. |
| 2) <u>The Edge</u>     | 5.7  | Starting at the base of <u>Wedge</u> , move up and right past an old pin in a horizontal crack. Climb up the obvious flake to a spike of rock, step right and climb to the top. Airy.                        |
| 3) <u>Home Base</u>    | 5.10 | The vertical crack that is just left of <u>Heat wave</u> .   |
| 4) <u>Heatwave</u>     | 5.11 | Appx. 75' downhill from the <u>Wedge</u> is an obvious left slanting jam crack. Climb the crack up to the ledge.   |
| 5) <u>Rusty Hammer</u> | 5.9  | 30' to the right, and around the corner from <u>Heatwave</u> is a right leaning crack. Climb the crack to a ledge, step right and climb the inside corner/chimney to its top. Climb the face to the summit.  |

## The 100' Rappel Area

Uphill and about 200' to the right, is a gully running



back into the cliff. This area is known as the 100' Rappel Area. The interior is reached by a 30' boulder problem (5.5). Only one climb is known to have been done in this area.

- 6) Squeeze Play 5.3 Find the obvious, smooth chimney in the back of the gully. Climb the chimney to its top (80').
- 7) The Descent Gully 5.4 Found 40' right of the 100' Rappel Area, and just right of a big roof. This gully is often used to descend by. Either downclimb or make one 30' rappel to the ground.
- 8) Dubuko 5.7 A2 Start at the obvious horizontal crack that starts just downhill of Descent Gully. Free climb out of the crack to the nose, and then aid over past Speckman's Aid to the Bate's Route. Continue up Bate's to the large ledge and the top.
- 9) Oh God! 5.8 A direct start to Dubuko. Start 60' downhill at some feasible looking cracks and climb up to the slab to connect with Dubuko at the nose.

- 10) Speckman's Aid Climb 5.6 A2  
or  
"Why are the Pins so Far Apart?"

50' right of Oh God! is a thin vertical crack. Aid this crack until it intersects with Dubuko. Aid right and finish up Bate's Route to the large ledge. At the belay ledge, climb the short, thin, vertical crack to the top.

- 11) The Bate's Route 5.5

150' to the right of Descent Gully is an obvious left leaning ramp. This route is named after Robert Bates. Climb the ramp until one is forced onto the face. Move up past two old fixed pins to the belay ledge. Step left, and easily climb a groove to the top.

#### The Satan's Wall Area

Around to the right of The Bate's Route, appx. 500', is an impressive overhanging wall. There are two possible routes up this magnificent face.

- 12) The Exorcist

This route runs out the left arching crack, to the left nose of this face. Continue up the vertical cracks to a belay at a small Birch and some blocks. Continue on up to the top. As far as it is known, this route has not had an ascent.

13) Sympathy for the Devil 5.4 A3+ Start as for the previous route. At the lip of the overhang, move back right to a slab. Climb up to the bolt ladder, and follow this to the vertical crack and the top.

14) Fritos 5.4+ Climb the chimney 100' uphill from Sympathy for the Devil.

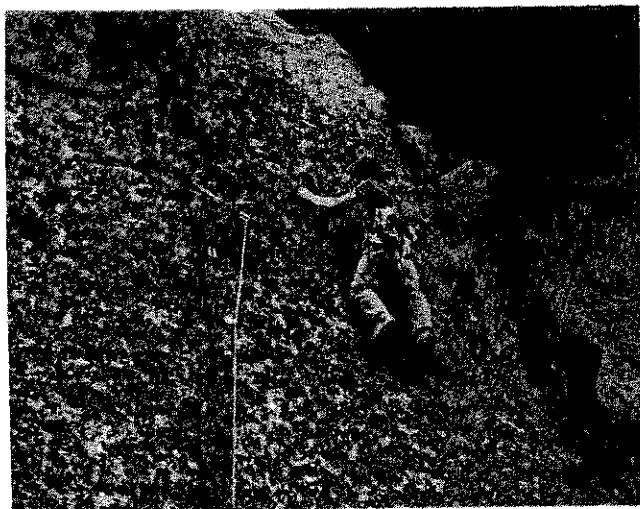
variation; 14,1 class 4 After reaching the tree ledge, walk off to the left rather than finishing up the chimney.

variation; 14,2 5.3 After reaching the tree ledge, walk off to the left until one reaches a crack diagonaling back right. Climb this crack to the top.

15) Cheez-its 5.4+ Climb the next chimney to the right of Fritos. This is usually wet.

#### The Descent Trail

There is a trail off the right end of the cliff which is usually used for descent. This area can be quite confusing, however, and care should be taken when ascending or descending.



**T. Swain on Speckmans 1st Aid Climb**

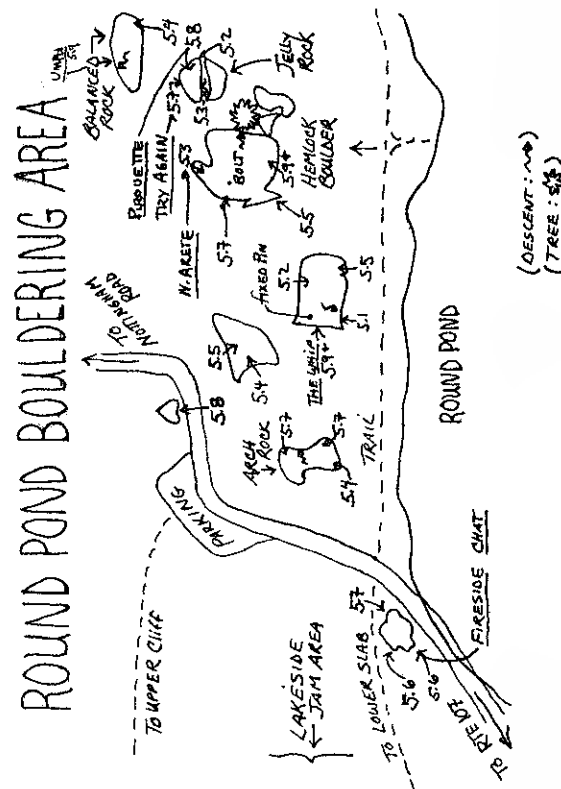
### Outlying Areas at Pawtuckaway

A number of other cliffs are known to exist in the State Park. Unfortunately, no information is available on these areas as to route descriptions, ratings or names.

1) On the top of Devil's Den, and in back a short ways, is a valley-like formation known as The Valley. Climbs have been done in this area, but no information is available.

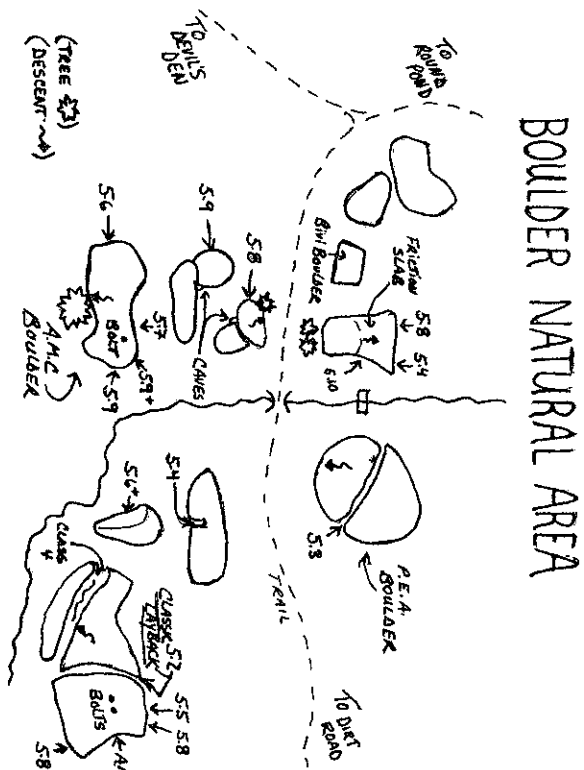
2) Round Pond has an island in the middle of it. A cliff appx. 80' high is located on the island, but really no climbs, or exploration have been done there.

3) Across from Devil's Den on the other side of the hiking trail, there is yet another cliff. Again, no more information is available on this area.





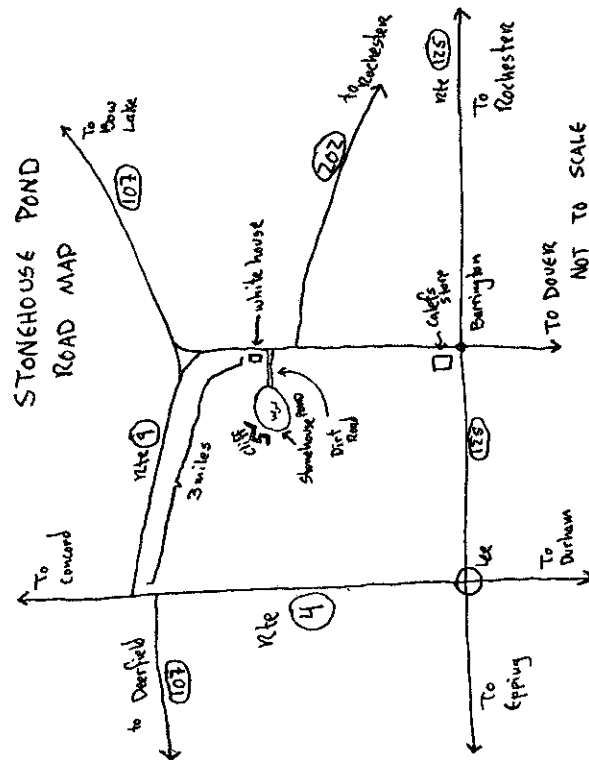
Stonehouse Pond



B) Stonehouse Pond

Stonehouse Pond is located in Barrington, N. H. on private land. Access to the Cliff is via a dirt road off Route 9 next to the owner's house. It is advised to get prior permission to climb at this fine area as there have been problems in the past. Parties should also realize that the land belongs to private interests and therefore every effort to be cooperative should be made. Please help keep this area open to climbing and also keep it free of trash and litter.

Route descriptions will start on the Aid Wall and work around to the right, facing the cliff system. The cliff is approximately 100-feet high.



## Stonehouse Pond

### AID WALL AREA

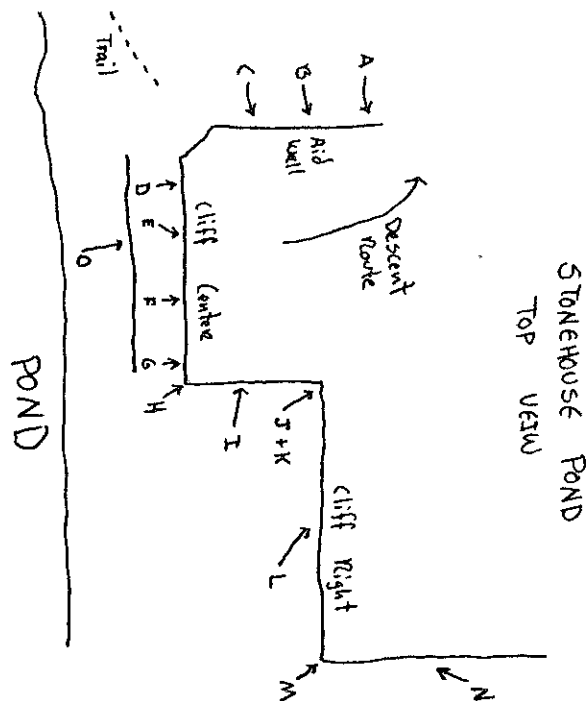
This section of cliff is at the extreme left end of the Stonehouse Pond cliff system. Climbs are described left to right.

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| A) <u>Desperation</u>      | 5.9 A2 | This route starts appx. 50' uphill of the obvious vertical crack called the <u>BBB Route</u> . Climb up to the right leaning arch and out this to connect with the top of the <u>BBB</u> crack. |
| B) <u>The B.B.B. Route</u> | 5.10   | This very old aid route has gone free and climbs the vertical crack in the center of the face.  |
| C) <u>The Bolt Route</u>   | A 1    | This is the bolt ladder 25' right of the B.B.B.   |

### CLIFF CENTER

This is the most popular section of cliff. A number of classic routes may be found here. Access can be had by scrambling up ledges 50' right of The Bolt Route onto the face, or by climbing up from the Pond.

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| D) <u>The Joke</u>  | 5.9 | This is the obvious inside corner on the left end of the cliff center. Jam the corner to a smaller corner and up to the top. |
| E) <u>The Roost</u> | 5.6 | The right leaning ramp/corner appx. 40' right of <u>The Joke</u> .   |

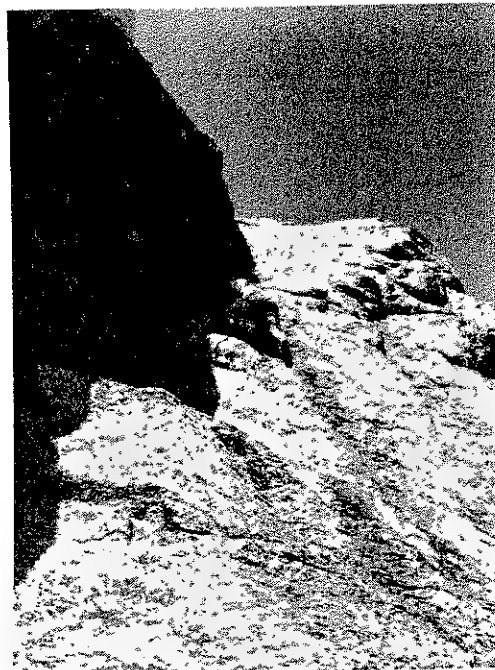




- F) Son of Snake (SOS) 5.7 Climbs the face between The Roost and The Nose. Start at a small depression and wander up the face.
- G) Discipline 5.8 This eliminate line climbs the face just left of the Nose route.
- H) The Nose 5.6 Climbs the very obvious nose 30' to the right of Son of Snake. An exposed route of excellent quality.
- I) The North Face 5.7 Around to the right of the Nose is a face that is laid back at the bottom and quite steep at the top. The North Face climbs up the slab to the steep face at a flake and from here to the top.
- J) Flywalk 5.6 Climbs the obvious, large inside corner 100' right of The Nose. Climb up the corner and traverse left under the roof to the top.
- variation J,1 5.7 Climb the corner to the roof and climb up right instead of traversing.
- K) N.E.I. 3 The Flywalk ices up to give a superb ice route in winter.

#### CLIFF RIGHT

- L) Lost Hammer 5.7 Appx. 70' right of Flywalk is a left leaning crack. Climb the crack to the top.



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M) Butterfly

5.5 A1 Butterfly climbs the obvious nose of rock appx. 150' right of Flywalk. This route may have been done free.

N) Diagonal

5.4 A1 This aid route starts around to the right of the Butterfly nose. The route diagonals up from right to left. This route may also have been free climbed.

The next two routes start back below the Cliff Center and down by the water's edge.

O) Ramp

5.5 This route climbs the obvious left leaning ramp just to the right of the cave. Climb up the ramp and continue past the start of the Nose route to a belay at the trees below the Roost.

variation 0,1

5.7

Half way up the Ramp is an inside corner. Climb the corner past a bolt to the top.

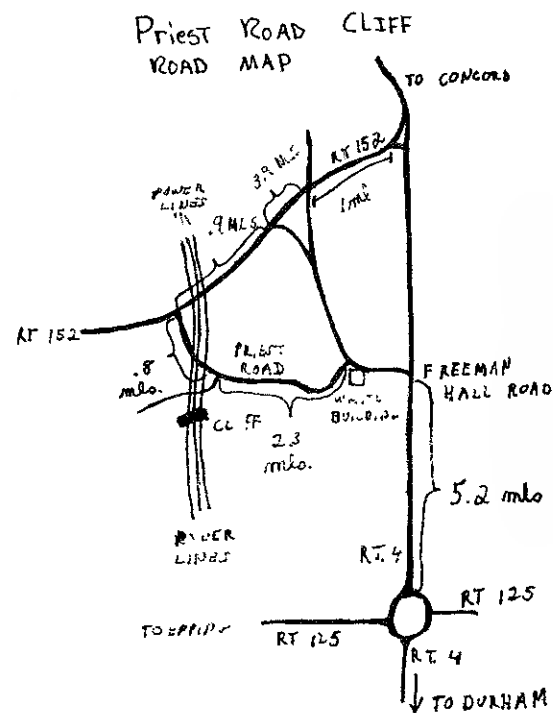
C) Priest Road Cliff

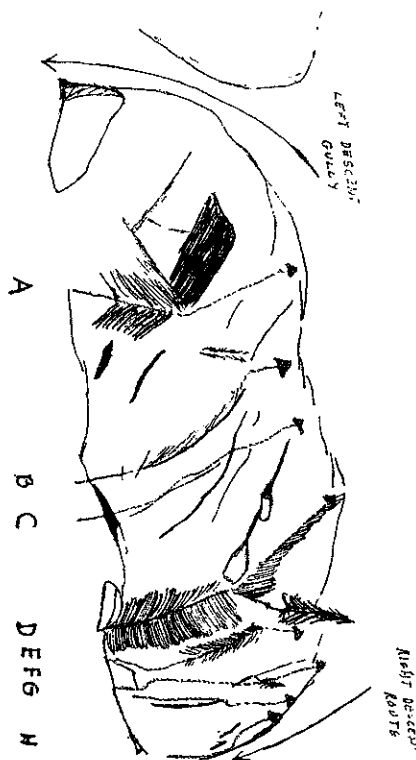
Priest Road Cliff is located in Nottingham, N.H. just off Rte. 152. The cliff is found directly below the high tension wires that cross both the secondary road that goes right by the cliff, as well as Rte 152 itself. This cliff has a southern exposure which makes it a reasonable place to climb in colder weather. It is recommended, however, that this area be avoided in the warmer, moist seasons due to bugs, snakes and other various and assorted nasty, creepy-crawlies.

Priest Road Cliff has some very nice face climbs. Only the obvious lines will be described. Sections of cliff between the described routes may offer various hard face climbs.



Priest Road Cliff Climber: T. Swain  
Climb: Disney World S.S





## PRIEST ROAD CLIFF

### Priest Road Cliff

#### A) Disneyworld

5.5 Start under the right edge of the overhang. Climb blocks up and right to the corner of the face and overhang. Step around onto the face and then climb straight to the top. Leadable (with pins).

variation; A,1

5.9 Start 20' to the right of Disneyworld below a shallow inside corner and continue up the Disneyworld face above.

#### B) Arch

5.6 Locate the prominent left leaning arch in the center of the face. Face climb up to the arch and follow this until one can break through to the top. Not well protected.

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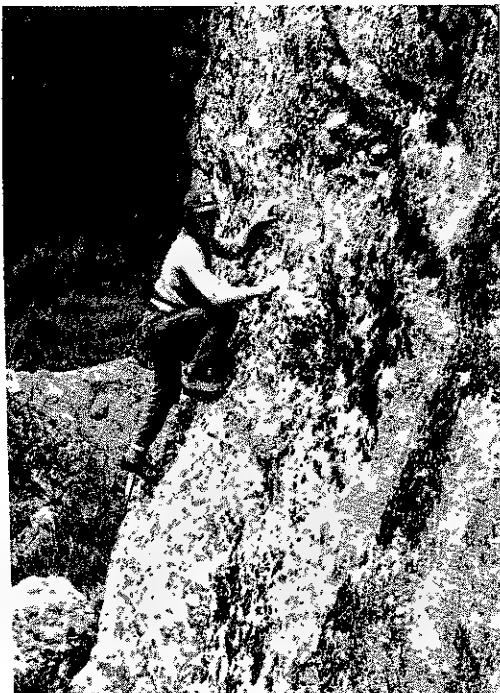
5.8 Just as the arch turns left, step over the arch and finish up the Priest's Pulpit.

#### C) The Priest's Pulpit

5.8 10' to the right of Arch is a short crack appx. 20' off the ground. Climb up to the crack and follow this up to the yellow overhanging rock. Move slightly left and continue to the top.

#### D) The Weissner Route

5.3 This climb ascends the obvious inside corner 50' right of Arch. Climb up blocks on the left side of the cave,



**T. Swain on Disney World 5.8**  
**Priest Road Cliff**

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| D) <u>The Weissner Route</u>  | 5.3 | until one reaches the crack. Step left and continue past the Hemlock to the top. Leadable.   |
| E) <u>N.H.O.C. Nose Route</u> | 5.8 | 25' right of <u>Weissner</u> is a nose of rock. Start up broken ground until one reaches a flake appx. 20' off the ground. Step right and face climb to the top. |
| F) <u>Kim</u>                 | 5.5 | Start on a ledge 6' off the ground and 50' right of <u>Weissner</u> . Climb the face to the crack and follow this to the Hemlock trees. Leadable.                |
| G) <u>U.A.W.M.F. Flake</u>    | 5.5 | 100' to the right of <u>Weissner</u> is an obvious flake. Climb the flake to its top. Step right and face climb to the summit. Leadable.                         |
| H) <u>Quartz of Quartz</u>    | 5.4 | 50' right of <u>U.A.W.M.F.</u> is a series of flakes and large Quartz crystals. Climb the flake and continue up and left to a slab and the top. Leadable.        |

#### Locations of Anchors for Top-roping

- 1) The top of Disneyworld has two  $\frac{1}{4}$ " bolts with black hangers.

2) Appx. 25' right of the Disneyworld bolts, are two  $\frac{1}{4}$ " bolts to top-rope Arch and Priest's Pulpit. They are about 30' back from the edge of the cliff.

3) One  $\frac{1}{4}$ " bolt is at the top of Weissner Route, appx. 30' back from the edge.

4) Two  $\frac{1}{4}$ " bolts are located at the top of U.A.W.M.F. Flake.

#### Descent Routes

Left Side - Descend appx. 75' to the left of Disneyworld in a small inside corner.

Right Side - Descend via a gully 50' right of Quartz of Quartz.

#### D) Carr's Cove

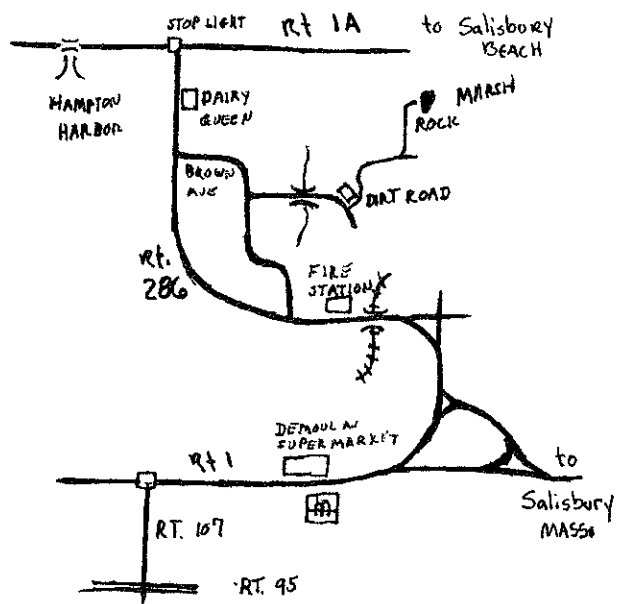
Carr's Cove, or Mike Rock as it is sometimes called, is located on private property in Seabrook, N.H. The residents here are not particularly fond of outsiders being at all obnoxious, so it is ~~VERY~~ advisable to be as inconspicuous as possible when climbing there. It should also be noted that theft has been known to occur in this area and it is therefore wise to leave nothing worth stealing, visible in your car.

The crag is in a little cove right off the Seabrook marshes. It is a very enjoyable spot to climb at on a hot summer day, as there is usually a nice sea breeze. The best time to visit the cove is when the tide is low at mid-day. This allows for totally dry climbing conditions, and makes for an even more enjoyable day.

After reaching South Main Street, take your first left (a road coming from the beach), after crossing a stream you will come to a curve in the road. Take the left at the curve, onto a dirt road and through a private yard. Keep following this road until you come to a clearing and then park here, off to the side. A short walk down the well traveled road will lead you to the marsh and Carr's Cove.

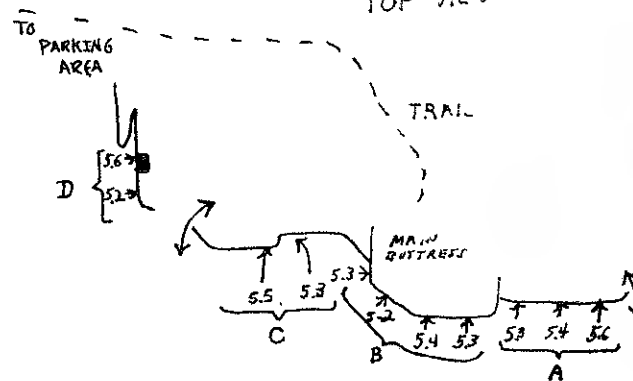


# CARR'S COVE ROAD MAP



# CARR'S COVE

TOP VIEW



Carr's Cove

Face A : This vertical wall is good for face climbing practice. Watch for Poison Ivy at the top.

Face B : The Main Butress. The highest part of the cove. Find a fixed pin to belay from.

Face C : The two climbs on this face are good for practice at face climbing and crack climbing, they are however, quite short.

Face D : This short wall has an excellent overhang on it. Watch for Poison Ivy.

The Girdle Traverse of Carr's Cove : 5.6

Start at the "Face D" overhang and climb right.

The crux is in the corner between "C" and "B".

This traverse is one full pitch, ending up on the 5.4 face climb. Well protected and enjoyable.

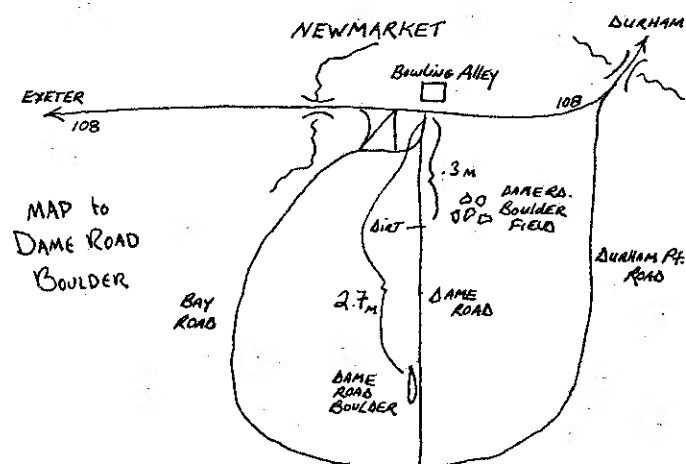


**Mark Robinson on the 1st Ascent  
Girdle Traverse of Carr's Cove 5.6**

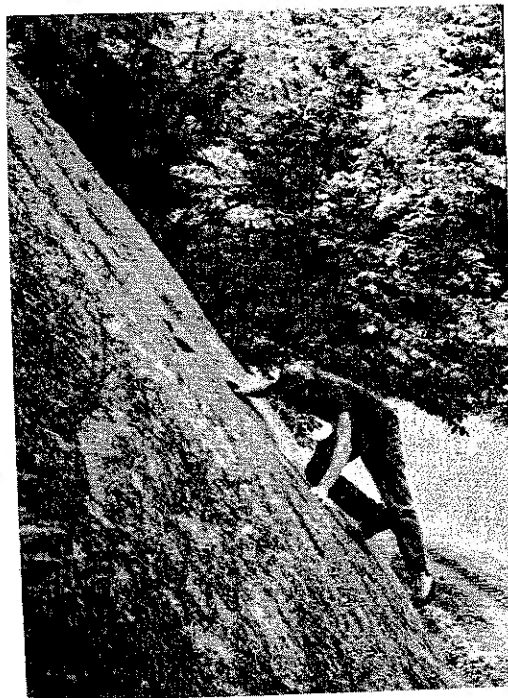
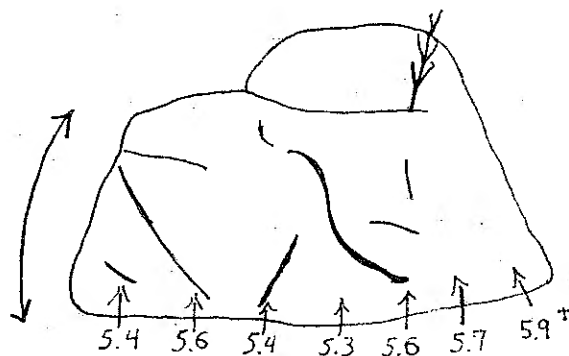
### E) Dame Road Boulder

The Dame Road Boulder is located on Dame Road in Newmarket, N.H. It can be found on the right side of the road appx. 2.7 miles in, from Rte 108 and Newmarket Center. Make sure your vehicle is parked well off the side of the road, not blocking any traffic.

The boulder is appx. 30' high and offers some nice slab/face climbing. A top-rope is usually set up off the large Pine tree which is about 25' back from the top of the boulder. One can descend off either side.



# DAME ROAD BOULDER



Dame Road Boulder Newmarket, N.H.

## E) Outlying Areas

### 1) Wallis Sands

A fantastic sea cliff climbing spot is Wallis Sands State Park in Rye, N.H. The park is located on Rte 1A and one should park appx. 500 yds north of the park entrance at a pull-off area at the top of a small hill.

Descend down to the bottom of the sea cliffs and climb away. This is mostly just bouldering, but a top-rope is advisable on a few of the higher routes, or where the bottom looks as if a fall might be dangerous. Low tide is the only time that climbing here is feasible. Caution should be exercised on the seaweed covered rocks at the bottom.

### 2) Rock Rimmon

Rock Rimmon is located right off Rock Rimmon Road in Kingston, N.H. One should find the Fire Station in Kingston, then follow Rock Rimmon Road and fire tower signs. The road will become a dirt road, keep following this to the fire tower. The ledges are down to the left of the tower. Most of the climbs are appx. 20' long and in the 5.5 range. There is one 5.2 climb there that is appx. 60' long.

### 3) Railroad Bridges

Between Seabrook and Portsmouth, N.H. are a number of stone railroad bridges that offer good climbing on nice or rainy days. The most popular of these bridges is the overpass on Rte 1 just south of Hampton center. A dirt road leads down around from the left side of the one way section of road and makes a good place to park. Iron reinforcing rods protruding from the top make good anchors for top-roping.

### 4) Newmarket, N.H.

Small boulders and crags may be found through-out all of Newmarket. There are a number of boulder fields off both Dame and Bay Roads. The only thing to watch for, are areas posted for no trespassing.